

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1058 - HB 750

February 12, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Mandates that health insurance plans that cover hospital and surgical expenses provide coverage for CA-125 blood tests for ovarian cancer for women age thirty or older.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Expenditures – Not Significant/Health Insurance Industry*

Assumes that:

- The bill does not mandate coverage for such tests on a routine or annual basis but only when medically necessary. If the bill is interpreted to require coverage for annual tests, there would be a significant increase to state and local government health insurance plans.
- TennCare, the state employee health plan and local government health plans now cover such tests when medically necessary.
- Although most private plans probably cover such tests when medically necessary, some individual health insurance policies may not cover the test.

**The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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